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WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan applauded the US Senate's vote against the Republican effort to raise the cost and cut the benefits of Medicare. On Wednesday, May 26, the US Senate overwhelmingly rejected the GOP plan to red. Previously, Congressman Ryan voted against this plan when it came up in the US House of Representatives.

"I commend my colleagues in the Senate for voting against the GOP plan to end Medicare as we know it in order to pay for tax giveaways for the most profitable oil companies," said Ryan. "This bill dismantles Medicare. Period. The Republican plan asks seniors in Youngstown, Warren, and all across Ohio to pay out-of-pocket twice as much as they now pay for Medicare. We've promised our seniors that if they work hard, we'll take care of them in their golden years. This plan goes back on that promise, it is not right, and it will be rejected by the American people and Congress."

Facts about this plan to end Medicare as we know it:

·   There are 111,143 Medicare-eligible individuals in Ohio's 17th Congressional District. (SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

·   Under Medicare, a typical 65 year old would pay $6,150 out-of-pocket for healthcare. (SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office)

·   Under the Republican plan, a typical 65 year old would pay $12, 500 out-of-pocket for healthcare. (SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office)

·   This plan requires 54-year-olds to save an additional $182,000 more just to cover health care costs. (SOURCE: Center for Economic Policy and Research)

Congressman Ryan's recent floor speech condemning this recent attack against Medicare can be seen here: **http://youtu.be/aWqOoDXCPb4**

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